

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for a bulletin board feature in a supply chain management framework,
2 comprising:
 - 3 a) collecting data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a network;
 - 4 b) displaying a network-based interface for allowing access to the data; and
 - 5 c) generating an electronic order form based on the data utilizing the network-based
6 interface for ordering goods from selected distributors of the supply chain,
7 wherein the network-based interface includes a bulletin board displaying
8 information received from each of the stores, the information relating to the
9 distributors for facilitating the selection of the distributors.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the information relates to a timeliness of
2 deliveries made by the distributors.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the information relates to a quality of the goods
2 delivered by the distributors.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the information relates to a price of the goods
2 delivered by the distributors.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein a store from which the information is received is
2 identified.
- 1 6. The method of claim 5, wherein the store from which the information is received
2 is identified utilizing an electronic mail address for communication purposes.

- 1 7. A system for a bulletin board feature in a supply chain management framework,
2 comprising:
3 a) logic for collecting data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a
4 network;
5 b) logic for displaying a network-based interface for allowing access to the data; and
6 c) logic for generating an electronic order form based on the data utilizing the
7 network-based interface for ordering goods from selected distributors of the
8 supply chain, wherein the network-based interface includes a bulletin board
9 displaying information received from each of the stores, the information relating
10 to the distributors for facilitating the selection of the distributors.
- 1 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the information relates to a timeliness of
2 deliveries made by the distributors.
- 1 9. The system of claim 7, wherein the information relates to a quality of the goods
2 delivered by the distributors.
- 1 10. The system of claim 7, wherein the information relates to a price of the goods
2 delivered by the distributors.
- 1 11. The system of claim 7, wherein a store from which the information is received is
2 identified.
- 1 12. The system of claim 11, wherein the store from which the information is received
2 is identified utilizing an electronic mail address for communication purposes.
- 1 13. A computer program product for a bulletin board feature in a supply chain
2 management framework, comprising:
3 a) computer code for collecting data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain
4 utilizing a network;

- 5 b) computer code for displaying a network-based interface for allowing access to the
6 data; and
7 c) computer code for generating an electronic order form based on the data utilizing
8 the network-based interface for ordering goods from selected distributors of the
9 supply chain, wherein the network-based interface includes a bulletin board
10 displaying information received from each of the stores, the information relating
11 to the distributors for facilitating the selection of the distributors.

1 14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the information relates to a
2 timeliness of deliveries made by the distributors.

1 15. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the information relates to a
2 quality of the goods delivered by the distributors.

1 16. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the information relates to a
2 price of the goods delivered by the distributors.

1 17. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein a store from which the
2 information is received is identified.

1 18. The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the store from which the
2 information is received is identified utilizing an electronic mail address for
3 communication purposes.